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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Power Purchase Agreement between Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Cherry Blossom Solar, LLC
Docket No. 2017-33-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed the request submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") in the above referenced Docket. The Company requests the Commission accept for filing a Power Purchase Agreement ("Amendment") between the Company and Cherry Blossom Solar, LLC. DEP also requests the Commission grant confidential treatment to certain provisions of the Amendment.

ORS, having had the opportunity to review an unredacted version of the PPA, has no objection to the Agreement itself. However, as in Dockets 2016-41-E and 2016-42-E, ORS objects to the Company's request for confidential treatment of certain provisions of the Amendment.

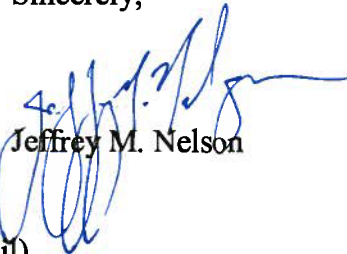
As in the previous cases, ORS asserts that the redacted information is not entitled to confidential treatment. ORS believes that the public, and particularly the customers of DEP who pay for avoided costs through their rates, of which purchased power is a component, are entitled to know the specific terms and conditions of these PPA's. ORS believes that the public's right to know outweighs the concerns for confidentiality expressed by the Company. It is impossible for

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any customer of DEP to determine if the Company has negotiated in their best interests when the terms and costs of these Agreements is not available to them.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey M. Nelson", is written over the printed name.

Jeffrey M. Nelson

cc: Rebecca J. Dulin, Esquire (via E-Mail)
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